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ACL Administrator Greenlee to Address United Nations for 8th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Please join Kathy Greenlee, Administration for Community Living (ACL) Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, as well as representatives of other governments, international and domestic organizations, for a live-streamed symposium in observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

This event will take place on Friday, June 14, 2013 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. All are invited to view the symposium live from 1:15- 2:30 p.m. at <http://webtv.un.org/>. An archived video of the event will be available at a later date.

This event is hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Administration for Community Living, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, U.S. Mission to the UN, UN NGO Committee on Ageing, and AARP.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Marla Bush at marla.bush@acl.hhs.gov.

Other Ways to Observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15, 2013

We are much closer to seeing representation from every state in the U.S. on the [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Event map](#)! Wouldn't it be amazing to know that events to raise awareness are happening in every state?

Please take a stand for dignity and respect of our elders. Use our online form to [share your WEAAD event](#) and encourage your colleagues to add their event as well.

If you are not able to participate in a formal event, listed below are other simple actions you can take to commemorate WEAAD.

1. Bring [a flyer or a fact sheet](#) to a friend or family member to help educate them about elder abuse and how to protect themselves.

2. Take the ["I Will" pledge](#).
3. Add "I won't stand for elder abuse - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2013" to your email signature.
4. Post a Facebook status or tweet about elder abuse on June 15.
5. Encourage your kids or your recently retired friends to [volunteer](#) for a project that supports the dignity and value of older adults.

As part of the Year of Elder Abuse Prevention, the Administration for Community Living is pleased to provide information, tools and resources to support partners in their efforts to raise public awareness about elder abuse and shed light on the importance of preventing, identifying, and responding to this serious, often hidden problem. Check out the [YEAP toolkit and WEAAD logos](#) for resources when planning your activities.

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17 Communities Awarded Funding to Support Transportation Services for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

In late May, 17 communities were awarded grants to improve coordinated transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities. Funding for these projects was provided by the [Strengthening Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Partnerships to Promote Community Living](#), a project funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living and administered by the Community Transportation Association of America.

The intent of the projects is to demonstrate that when engaged from the onset, older adults and people with disabilities, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, are valued stakeholders in the planning and delivery of transportation services specifically designed for them.

The 17 selected projects include:

- Community Action Commission of Fayette County, Washington Court House, OH
- Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, Toledo, OH
- Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Southfield, MI
- Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, Knoxville, TN
- Ride Connection, Inc., Portland, OR
- City of Helena, Helena, MT
- Montgomery County Maryland, Rockville, MD
- Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County, Fort Worth, TX
- Lifestream Services, Inc., Yorktown, IN
- Alaska Mobility Coalition, Anchorage, AK
- Indian Nations Council of Governments, Tulsa, OK

- Columbia County Health and Human Services, Portage, WI
- Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc., Big Stone Gap, VA
- National Participant Network, Taos, NM
- Marin Transit, San Rafael, CA
- Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Authority, Des Moines, IA
- The Arc of Connecticut, Hartford, CT

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Medicare Urges Seniors to Join the Fight against Fraud

New health care summaries help seniors identify improper payments

In mailboxes across the country, people with Medicare will soon see a redesigned statement of their claims for services and benefits. The new statement will help them better spot potential fraud, waste and abuse. These new [Medicare Summary Notices](#) are just one more way the Obama Administration is making the elimination of fraud, waste and abuse in health care a top priority. Because of actions like these and new tools under the Affordable Care Act, the number of suspect providers and suppliers thrown out of the Medicare program has more than doubled in 35 states.

The redesigned notice will make it easier for people with Medicare to understand their benefits, file an appeal if a claim is denied, and spot claims for services they never received. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will send the notices to Medicare beneficiaries on a quarterly basis.

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Funding Opportunity

SAMSHA Funding Opportunity

The Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration SAMHSA, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2013 grants for [Using New Media to Prevent Substance Abuse & HIV/AIDS for Populations at High Risk](#) (Short Title: SA & HIV/AIDS Prevention & New Media). The purpose of this Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) program is to use new media to promote targeted SA and HIV prevention messages to racial/ethnic populations at high risk for SA and HIV infection.

The application deadline is July 2, 2013.

For questions, send an email to MAI-Emerg-Tech2013@samhsa.hhs.gov or telephone Judith Ellis at (240) 276-2567.

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Webinar on *Finding Lost Pension Plans*

The webinar *Finding Lost Pension Plans* is hosted by the Pension Rights Center, a grantee of the U.S. Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging. Participants in this webinar will learn about the problem of lost pension plans and the resources available to find these plans.

Speaker: Emily Spreiser, Staff Attorney, Pension Rights Center

Date: June 18, 2013

Time: 12:30 p.m. EDT

[Register.](#)

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Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention: Turning Strategy into Action

Kick-off 75 days of action until National Suicide Awareness Day, September 10, 2013

Did you know that more than 100 Americans die by suicide each day and 8 million adults in the U.S. had serious thoughts of suicide within the past 12 months? Among older adults, suicide attempts are often more lethal than in younger adults. The lethality of older adult suicide attempts suggests that intervention must be aggressive and that multiple prevention methods must be used. To learn more about the risk factors for suicide among older adults and strategies to prevent it, read the Older Americans Behavioral Health Issue Brief [Preventing Suicide in Older Adults](#).

Join the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region V for its discussion *Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention: Turning Strategy into Action*. You can participate live or by webcast. Also, the keynote, plenary presentations and panel will be webcast to "echo events" across the nation with interactivity between the echo sites and the main event. Following the webcast, the host organization will lead discussions on best practices to engage local participants to develop an action plan specific to their work and setting.

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. CST

Three ways to participate:

Live Event

[Register](#)

Webcast

[Register](#)

Echo Site

[Register](#)

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Webinar Reminders

June National I&R/A Support Center Conference Call

The next National I&R/A Support Center Conference Call will feature Joseph Amaroso (CIRS-A), Director of New Jersey's Division of Disability Services. Mr. Amaroso will address disaster preparedness for the national aging and disability I&R/A network, and will draw upon New Jersey's experience with Hurricane Sandy for his presentation.

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET

Call info: 888-346-3659; Passcode: 382574

The Support Center [posts](#) audio recordings and PowerPoint presentations of all of its calls.

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Webinar on Using Deliberative Methods to Engage the Public: Facilitating a Deliberative Session

The Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) invites you to participate in a webinar on *Using Deliberative Methods to Engage the Public: Facilitating a Deliberative Session* to explore the views of patients, consumers, or other members of the community on challenging public problems in healthcare or related areas.

Specific topics in this webinar will include:

- Facilitation techniques and tools
- Guiding the discussion Managing unpredictable situations
- Group exercises
- Training resources

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT

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Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2015

The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs)* is a federal document based on the most recent scientific evidence that provides information and advice for choosing an eating pattern which promotes health and decreases the risk of chronic disease. The *DGAs* are intended to aid the design and implementation of nutrition programs. The Older Americans Act requires adherence to the *DGAs* for Nutrition Services.

The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee reviews the science and provides recommendations to the federal government for the 2015 document. The first meeting of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will be held on June 13-14, 2013. Webcast or in-person advanced registration is required. [Click here](#) for more information about registration, materials, future meetings, and the comment process.

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Webinar on Community Health Workers and Reducing Disparities in Diabetes: Lessons Learned From the Front Lines of Care

Date: Monday, June 17, 2013

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT

Community health workers (CHWs) who are part of the Diabetes Equity Project (DEP) in Dallas are helping to improve the health of underserved people living with diabetes. DEP is one of five local programs that make up the Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes that is implementing community-based health care improvement strategies for vulnerable populations. Baylor Health Care System, where the DEP program is located, has seen improved health outcomes and reduced costs as a result of integrating CHWs on the front lines of care.

Webinar participants will learn about:

- Opportunities for expanding the use of CHWs and ways for other states and health systems to leverage the lessons learned at Baylor.
- Process Baylor took to recruit, train and credential CHWs
- First-hand experience of a Baylor CHW

Panel:

- Belinda Nelson, PhD, Research Investigator, National Program Office, Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes (Moderator)
- Christine A. Snead, RN, CPHQ, Nurse Manager, Care Coordination, Baylor Physician Services, Baylor Health Care System
- Magdalena Lopez, Community Health Worker, HealthTexas Provider Network, Baylor Health Care System
- James Walton, DO, MBA, President and CEO, Genesis Physicians Group, Former Vice President Network Performance, Baylor Quality Alliance, Baylor Health Care System

[Register.](#)

This webinar is sponsored by the Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes.

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Tools & Information

HUD Issues New Guidance to Encourage Integrated Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) last week issued [new guidance](#) to HUD-assisted housing providers on how they can support state and local *Olmstead* efforts to increase the integrated housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities who are transitioning from, or at serious risk of entering, institutions and other restrictive, segregated settings.



[Read more.](#)

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National HIV Testing Day

With the annual observance of (NHTD) on June 27, advocates, policy makers, healthcare providers, and others are encouraging people to “Take the Test. Take Control”.

Since NHTD was first observed in 2005, there has been a tremendous rise in the use of new media tools. In June 2010, AIDS.gov launched the [HIV Testing Sites & Care Services Locator](#), a location-based search tool for resources. Just as new media has changed over the years, so has the Locator. The Locator can be accessed on the [web](#) and as an [app](#)  for iPhones and iPads. It can also be viewed on [Facebook](#)  and shared through a [widget](#).

[Read more.](#)

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Oral Health Webinar

The Cross-Federal webinar titled *Older Adults and Oral Health: Inspiring Community-Based Partnerships for Healthy Mouths*, is now posted on the [Administration on Aging's Oral Health Webpage](#) and the [Health Resources and Services Administration's Oral Health Webpage](#).

This webinar explored the oral health status of older adults in the U.S., provided useful resources and highlighted two innovative community approaches to improving oral health access for older adults.

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June Observances

For the month:

Caribbean American Heritage Month (June 8 - Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day)

Resource: [National Caribbean American Heritage Month Presidential Proclamation](#)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month

Resource: [Library of Congress Presidential Proclamation Statement from HHS Secretary Sebelius](#)

Men's Health Month

For the Week:

June 14-20: National Men's Health Week

Resources: [Men's Health Network](#) and [Men's Health Month](#)

For the Day:

June 14: World Blood Donor Day

June 15: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Resource: [ACL World Elder Abuse Awareness Webpage](#)

June 16: Father's Day

June 22: Anniversary of Olmstead Decision

June 27: National HIV Testing Day; PTSD Awareness Day

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